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This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims (deleted text being struck through and added text being underlined):

1. (Currently Amended) A method for determining a level of interest in a work product capable of being distributed over a network comprising:

presenting a sample of ~~a proposed~~ an uncompleted version of the work product during a time period in a location capable of being accessed from the network;

receiving ~~[[[a]]]~~ at least one vote from a node connected to the network, the at least one vote being associated with one of the proposed version of the work product and a content preference; and

initiating ~~the creation~~ of one of: completion of the uncompleted version of the work product, creation of a work associated with the content preference, and no creation, based on the result a tabulation of the vote votes received.

2. (Original) The method according to claim 1, further comprising receiving a payment commitment from the node associated with the vote prior to the initiating the creation.

3. (Original) The method according to claim 1, further comprising: receiving payment for access from the node; and providing the access to the one or more of the work product and the work associated with the content preference when payment has been received.

4. (Original) The method according to claim 1, wherein the location includes a website.

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5. (Original) The method according to claim 3, wherein the receiving payment includes receiving payment over the network.

6. (Original) The method according to claim 5, wherein:
the network includes the Internet,
the location includes a website connected to the Internet, and
the receiving payment includes receiving payment from the node over the Internet at the website.

7. (Original) The method according to claim 2, further comprising delivering the one of the work product and the work associated with the content preference, when creation is completed.

8. (Currently Amended) The method according to claim 1, further comprising presenting a new sample of ~~a proposed~~ an uncompleted version of a new work product during a new time period in the location capable of being accessed from the network if the at least one vote is not received from the node during the time period.

9. (Original) The method according to claim 2, further comprising releasing the payment commitment after a deadline has expired if one of the work product and a work associated with the content preference is unavailable.

10. (Currently Amended) The method according to claim 1, further comprising establishing a ~~creation~~ delivery deadline associated with the ~~initiation~~ initiated one of creation of the one completion of the work product and creation of a work associated with the content preference.

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11. (Currently Amended) A method for marketing one or more work products capable of being distributed over the Internet comprising:

receiving one or more ~~at least~~ uncompleted proposed versions of the one or more work products from one or more authors over the Internet during a time period in a location capable of being accessed from the Internet;

presenting the received one or more ~~at least~~ uncompleted proposed versions at the location;

receiving one or more votes from one or more nodes connected to the location over the Internet, the one or more votes associated with one or more of the one or more ~~at least~~ uncompleted proposed version of the one or more work products and one or more content preferences; and

notifying one or more of the one or more authors that a threshold for initiating ~~the creation~~ completion of one or more of the one or more uncompleted versions of the work products or creation of one or more content preferences has been reached based on the received one or more votes.

12. (Original) The method according to claim 11, further comprising receiving one or more payment commitments from the one or more nodes associated with the vote prior to the notifying for the initiating the creation.

13. (Original) The method according to claim 11, further comprising:

receiving payment for access from the one or more nodes; and

providing the access to the one or more of the one or more work products and one or more works associated with the one or more content preferences when payment has been received.

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14. (Original) The method according to claim 12, further comprising delivering the one or more of the one or more work product and the one or more works associated with the one or more content preferences, when creation is completed.

15. (Original) The method according to claim 11, further comprising removing the one or more at least proposed versions of the one or more work products from one or more authors if the one or more votes are not received during the time period.

16. (New) A method for determining a level of interest in a work product capable of being distributed over a network comprising:
producing a partial portion of an uncompleted work product as a sample of a proposed completed version of the uncompleted work product;
presenting the partial portion of the uncompleted work product during a time period in a location capable of being accessed from the network;
receiving at least one vote from a node connected to the network, the at least one vote being associated with the sample of the proposed completed version of the work product; and
initiating completion of a remaining portion of the uncompleted version of the work product based upon a tabulation of votes received.